

SWISS MINISTER AT WHITE HOUSE

Hay Formally Presents Dr.
George Vogel.

WELCOMED BY PRESIDENT

He Is Greeted as the Honored Representative of a Historical Country.

Dr. George Vogel, the Swiss Minister to the United States, was formally presented to President Roosevelt at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The scene of the presentation, which was made by Secretary Hay, was the Blue Room.

Minister Vogel's Speech.

In presenting his credentials to the President, Dr. Vogel said: "Mr. President: I have the honor to hand to you the letter by which the Swiss federal council has accredited me as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation."

"In expressing to you in the name of your personal happiness, as well as for the prosperity of the United States of America, I venture to hope that my efforts and endeavors may contribute toward maintaining the excellent relations which exist and have always existed between Switzerland and its great sister Republic. I trust that, with your gracious co-operation, I shall be enabled to aid in drawing closer the ties of friendship and good understanding which unite the two countries."

"I shall be happy, Mr. President, if you will have the kindness to facilitate the accomplishment of my mission by according to me the same good will which you have graciously shown to my predecessors."

The President's Reply.

In reply to Dr. Vogel the President said: "Mr. Minister:

"The agreeable relations between the United States and Switzerland have long and unbrokenly maintained, find fresh occasion for confirmation when, as now, it becomes the pleasant duty of the Executive to welcome you as the honored representative of that historical country and to receive the credential letters you bear in the capacity of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary."

"This is especially gratifying when accompanied by the assurances of good will which you give, and in return I am happy to offer you like assurances of the wish and purpose of this Government to do, for its part, all that it may in the direction of continuing and strengthening the ties of friendship between the two countries and their peoples. That in the fulfillment of your mission you will enjoy a degree of esteem equaling that which your predecessors have won and will attain no less satisfactory results than they have accomplished is my sincere hope and desire."

HIDDEN SPRINGS CAUSING DAMAGE

Ground Around the First
Street Tunnel Sinks.

CRACKS IN THE SIDEWALK

Rumors That the Library Statues Suffer Found to Be Untrue.
No Danger.

Rumors, of unknown origin, that a serious cave-in was threatened at the new tunnel under First street north-east, in front of the Congressional Library, were afloat in many sections of the city yesterday.

As a result many persons paid visits to the scene, but all that rewarded their trouble was the finding, after careful search, of a few small cracks in the sidewalk surrounding the east end of the Capitol grounds.

The report passed through several channels at the District building, and finally reached the office of Capt. J. J. Morrow, assistant to the Engineer Commissioner.

The latter called up the office of the superintendent of the Library and inquired what truth there was in the statement that the sinking of ground in front of the Library might cause damage to the valuable Neptune statue at the main entrance to the Library building. Investigations were promptly made and the encouraging reply was that "there was nothing in it."

Blocks Tilted.

Examination of the affected area in First street showed that it embraced not more than a dozen paving blocks within a space thirty feet long by five feet wide. Some of the blocks were tilted at an angle and a few were broken, but the damage seemed very slight.

A tour through the underground workings showed that the Neptune statue could not possibly be affected because the main bore had not yet reached a point opposite to it.

Excavation Work.

At the present time, too, the workmen are excavating the western half of the tunnel, and any surface disturbances for months to come will be confined to the west side of First street, many feet away from even the edge of the walk fronting on the Library.

In speaking of the sinking of the ground indicated by the cracks in the sidewalks, engineers in charge of excavating for the tunnel declared that nothing serious was threatened as none of the timber bracing within the tunnel showed traces of bending or being otherwise disturbed. They accounted for the present slight trouble as due to much water from hidden springs being pumped out as the tunnel work progresses.

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The prices quoted in this advertisement, representing values of exceptional worth, are a suggestion of the many money-saving advantages you will find in every department of our store.

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Complete Homefurnishers.

Floor Coverings.

Tapestry Brussels Rugs, room

size, 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6

in, very pretty pattern; specially reduced to

\$12.45

Velvet Rugs, 9 ft. x 12 ft., very

heavy, good wearing quality, many handsome patterns; special price

\$26.25

Tapestry Brussels Carpets;

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Heavy Linoleum, new patterns; per square yard

57c

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23c

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Oak Extension Table, exactly like cut, 6-foot size, has heavy legs, pretty carvings, and good finish; only

\$4.98

Oak Chiffonier, exactly like cut, has five drawers and pretty top ornament; a regular \$7.00 article for

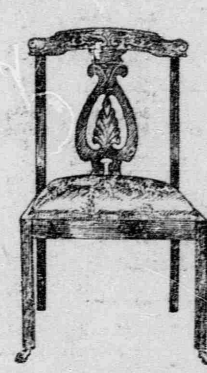
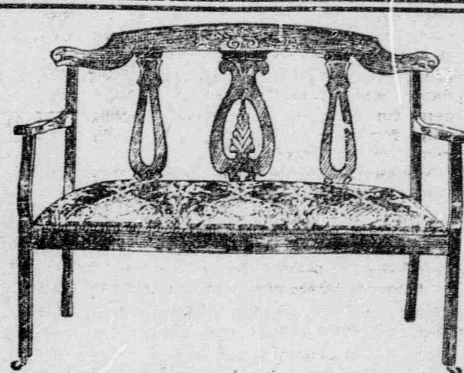
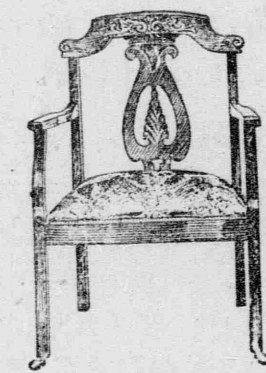
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\$12.95

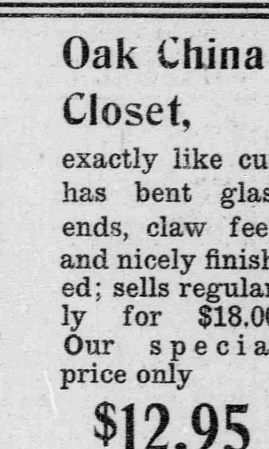
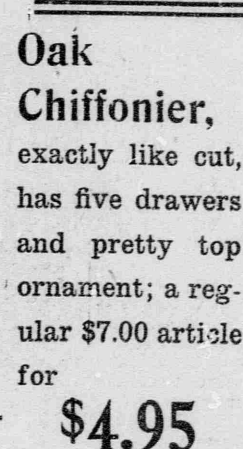
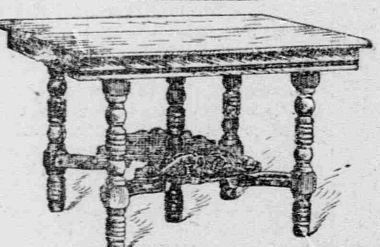
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100-piece Dinner Sets, neat shape, pretty decorations, regular price, \$10; specially reduced to

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100-piece Dinner Sets, very handsome decorations, elegant ware, very prettily shaped; big values for

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\$20.50

Toilet Sets, choice of several decorations, nicely shaped, large size pieces; reduced to

\$2.30

Toilet Sets, including slop jar, several styles decorations to choose from; special price

\$3.98



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ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 11.—Joseph L. Crupper, for seven years postmaster of this city, announced this evening that he would not be a candidate for reappointment when his term expires in April, 1906.

The announcement comes as a surprise to his many friends, all of whom expected that he would again be a candidate for the position which he has filled satisfactorily to the citizens of Alexandria for the past seven years. Mr. Crupper gives as his reason that the business of the Alexandria postoffice is increasing so rapidly that he will be unable, with his business in Washington, to give the postoffice the attention it should have in the future.

Mr. Crupper states that his determination not to be a candidate again was in no way influenced by the resignation of Park Agnew as collector of internal revenue.

Beside those mentioned in this evening's Times, Thomas F. Burroughs, who for a number of years past has been the assistant postmaster of Alexandria, has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for postmaster. He has issued a circular asking his friends not to endorse anyone until he has had time to present his claims to them.

GLASS BLOWERS' BANQUET.

The Glass Bottle Blowers' Association, Branch 66, gave a banquet at Odd Fellows Hall, in north Columbus street, tonight. National President D. A. Hayes was present at the banquet. Speeches were made by members of the order from this city.

ELECTRIC CAR STALLED.

An amusing scene in connection with the running of the trains on the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon line between Washington and Mt. Vernon was witnessed in this city this afternoon. A train loaded with passengers stalled at the corner of King and Washington streets. After a number of attempts to get the car started the passengers were gotten out of the car and the car was run past Alfred street, the passengers walking behind. They then boarded the car and continued on their way. A slight hill runs from Pitt to above Alfred street, and this is said to have been the cause of the stalling of the car. The procedure was witnessed by numbers of persons with great amusement.

ARRESTED FOR KICKING.

Trouble on an electric car between this city and Washington blocked travel for nearly an hour tonight. John Entwistle, an Alexandrian, became disorderly, and upon the train reaching this city he was turned over to Policeman Knight by Conductor Meyer.

UMBRELLA THIEVES BUSY.

Thieves tonight stole five or six umbrellas from a stand in front of the store of D. Bendheim & Son, in King street, between Royal and Fairfax streets.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Three visiting ministers will occupy pulpits in Alexandria churches tomorrow. The pulpit of the First Baptist Church will be filled by the Rev. W. F. Fisher, D. D., of Charlestown, W. Va., who has been called to the pastorate of the church here. Dr. Fisher has not yet accepted the call to the Alexandria church, but it is thought that he will in the near future.

At the Southern Methodist Church the Rev. P. W. Jeffries will occupy the pulpit. The Rev. J. P. Stump, the pastor, will preach tonight at the Register Chapel in Stafford county. Tomorrow he will assist in the dedication of the

Andrew Chapel at Brook, Stafford county.

TO ELECT LIEUTENANT.

Next Monday night a meeting of the Alexandria Light Infantry, Company G, Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, will be held at the armory, in Royal street, for the purpose of electing a second lieutenant. Tuesday night following the company will be inspected by Col. J. Lane Stern, and March 21 Colonel Dempsey, of the United States Army, will inspect the company. The company is now in a fine condition, having its full quota of men and is the largest company in the State. Its captain is P. J. Murphy and W. W. Demaine is first lieutenant.

WILL IMPROVE WHARF.

A. Dean has been awarded the contract by the committee on public property of the city council for improving the fish wharf and vicinity. Mr. Dean's bid for drawing the old piles was \$3.50, and for dredging, 19 1/2c per cubic yard.

FIREMEN TO MEET.

A special meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company will be held at the Truck House Monday night. No meeting was held last night owing to the want of a quorum.

LACE CURTAIN AND GAS JET CAUSE BAD BLAZE

Thousand Dollars' Damage Done and
Much Excitement Caused by Fire
in Fourteenth Street.

Damage amounting to \$1,000 was done in the Manhattan building, 717 Fourteenth street northwest, last night, by fire supposed to have been caused by lace curtains touching a gas jet. It is said the damage is covered by insurance.

Mrs. George M. Peck was leaning out of the front window of her rooms on the top floor of the building at the time the fire was discovered.

The lower floors of the building are used as offices and several families use the upper stories as living apartments. The woman says the first intimation she had of a fire was when she heard the fire apparatus bells clanging outside her home.

Policeman Lewis, of the First precinct, discovered the fire and turned in an alarm from box 181, at New York avenue and Fourteenth street, and almost all of the downtown companies were on the scene in a few moments.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting the hose up the ladders thrown against the upper windows of the building, but the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames after half an hour's work.

DREDGERS FIND BODY

IN DELAWARE RIVER

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 11.—The coroner has been notified that dredgers at work on the Delaware River have brought to the surface, off Tingo street wharf, the corpse of a man sewed in a bag.

Indications point to murder.

The Maltese Cross

Greater Than

The
Black
Arrow

More
Money
For
You

Easy
Money
For
You

See
Next
Sunday's
Times
March 19